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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lampton Berry  
Policy Planning Staff  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Request for Intercession with Egyptian  
Foreign Office on behalf of King Zog

1. In connection with the increasing pressure being put on King Zog by the Egyptian Government, we feel it would be useful if the State Department could send to Ambassador Jefferson Caffery a telegram along the following lines:

"Please inform Penoff at the earliest possible date that Zog's request for admission to the U.S., where he has property, has been granted and he is planning to leave Egypt on or about 18 October. In connection with discussions relating to his travel to the U.S. it has been learned from Zog, and confirmed by press reports, that certain actions have recently been taken against him by the Egyptian authorities. Without in any way judging the merits of the case, the U.S. Government feels Zog represents a real asset in the struggle against Communism and hopes the Egyptian Government, acting in the general interest, will be able to permit Zog to leave Egypt with such property as remains to him and without exposing him to further actions which will tend to diminish his prestige as top Albanian leader and important figure in anti-Communist struggle."

2. It would appear that an immediate decision is necessary in view of the action which has been taken against Zog in the past few days. Your prompt consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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